

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-18 were pending prior to the Office Action. Claim 3 is cancelled and claims 19-27 are added through this Reply. Therefore, claims 1-2 and 4-27 are pending. Claims 1, 11, 17, 18 and 19 are independent.

§ 102 REJECTION – JEONG

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Jeong et al. (U.S. Patent 6,722,760). *See Office Action, pages 2-3.* Applicant respectfully traverses.

Independent claim 1 recites, in part, “transferring the resist in the grooves on a blanket applied on a surface of a printing roll by contacting and rotating the printing roll with the blanket on the cliché” and “applying the resist transferred on the surface of the blanket on the etching object layer.” Contrary to the Examiner’s allegation, Jeong cannot be relied upon to teach or suggest this feature.

In the Office Action, the Examiner alleges that Figures 2A-2C of Jeong teaches the above-recited features. These figures illustrate that a transfer roll 30 is rotated on the surface of the cliché 20 to pick up ink 24 filled in the grooves 22 of the cliché 20. The transfer roll 30 is then rolled onto the process-

object layer 41 to transfer the ink 24 onto the surface of the process-object layer 41. In other words, the Examiner is alleging that the transfer roll 30 and the ink 24 are equivalent to the printing roll and the resist, respectively, as recited in claim 1.

However, contrary to the Examiner's allegation, there is no blanket applied on the surface of the transfer roll 30. Thus, although effective in its operation, Jeong cannot teach or suggest the feature of a blanket applied on the surface of the printing roll and transferring the resist from the grooves of the cliché onto the blanket. It then naturally follows that Jeong cannot teach or suggest the feature of applying the resist from the blanket to the etching object layer. For at least these reasons, independent claim 1 is distinguishable over Jeong.

Similarly, independent claim 11 recites, in part, "transferring the resist filled in the groove of the cliché onto a surface of the blanket on the printing roll" and "applying the resist transferred on the surface of the blanket on the etching object layer." Arguments for claim 1 similarly apply to claim 11 and thus claim 11 is distinguishable over Jeong.

Claim 17 recites, in part, "transferring the resist in the grooves on a blanket applied on a surface of a printing roll by contacting and rotating the printing roll with the blanket on the cliché" and "applying the resist transferred on the surface of the blanket the etching object layer." Arguments for claim 1

similarly apply to claim 17 and thus, Jeong cannot teach or suggest at least these features. Therefore, claim 17 is distinguishable over Jeong.

Independent claim 18 recites, in part “transferring the resist filled in the groove of the cliché onto a surface of the blanket on the printing roll by contacting and rotating the printing roll with the blanket on the cliché” and “applying the resist transferred on the surface of the blanket on the etching object layer.” Arguments for claim 1 similarly apply to claim 18 and thus, claim 18 is distinguishable over Jeong.

Claims 2, 4-10 and 12-16 depend from independent claim 1 and 11 directly or indirectly. Therefore, for at least due to the dependency thereon, these dependent claims are also distinguishable over Jeong.

Regarding claim 3, the rejection is rendered moot.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-18 based on Jeong be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 19-27 are added through this reply. All new claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in any combination. Applicants respectfully request that the new claims be allowed.

CONCLUSION

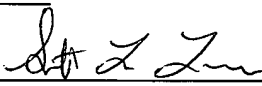
All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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